

EXHIBIT 24

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Section 1.5.5 of the Grafton Zoning By-Law states that the special permit granting authority (in this case, the Grafton Planning Board) shall make findings on which to base its determination on the specific issues of (among others):

- *"Off-street parking and loading areas where required..."*
- *"the economic, noise, glare, or odor effects of the special permit on adjoining properties and properties generally in the district"*
- *"General compatibility with adjacent properties and other property in the district"*

The Hilltop Farms HOA doesn't feel that the truck rental project satisfies these criteria. As documented in writing and verbally at the Planning Board meetings on several occasions, the truck rental business is incompatible and is not in harmony with the adjacent residential homes in the district. Concerns have been expressed about the nuisance noise likely to be generated by the facility and we have submitted a report by our acoustical expert substantiating this concern. We have also raised concerns that the facility will not be sufficiently parked since no additional formal parking spaces are proposed with the proposed additional use. We have also made known our environmental concerns as the proponent is not proposing any upgrades to the stormwater management system to comply with the Massachusetts stormwater standards.

We trust that the Planning Board will give due consideration to our concerns relative to the aforementioned criteria in making its decision on this project.